

Remarks

The specification stands objected to for not being in a preferred layout.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. The indication that claims 4-5 and 7-15 are directed towards allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1-3, 6 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nevo et al. (US 6,174,283).

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 19-20 stand objected to as being improper form.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6-10, 13, 14, and 16-18 have been amended.

Claims 2, 4, 19 and 20 have been canceled.

Claims 11, 12 and 15 remain in the application unamended.

The Specification

The Specification has not been amended. As the Office Action states, the suggested layout is a preferred layout and not necessarily required. Accordingly, Applicants have opted not to amend the present specification. Should such amendment be ultimately required, the Applicants will be willing to make such amendments.

The 112 Rejections

Claim 1 has been amended to replace “its” with “the continuous curve’s” and to replace “it” with “the deviation bar”.

Claim 3 has been amended to replace “it” with “the trend arrow”.

Claim 4, which is now written in independent form in amended claim 1, has been amended to replace “it” with “the trend arrow”.

Claim 20 has been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that such amendments overcome the present rejections and are supported by the application as filed and understood by one skilled in the relevant art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under § 112, second paragraph are respectfully requested.

The Claim Objections

Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled.

The § 102 Rejections

Claim 1 has been amended such that claim 4 is placed in independent form. Since the Office Action indicates that claim 4 is directed towards allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over the prior art of record.

In light of the amendment to claim 1, claims 2 and 4 have been canceled. In addition, claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Claim 5 has been amended to place it in independent form. Since the Office Action indicates that claim 5 is directed towards allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that claim 5 is patentable over the prior art of record.

Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Claims 7, 8 and 9 have been placed in independent form. Since the Office Action indicates that claims 7, 8 and 9 are directed towards allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7, 8 and 9 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Claims 10, 13, 14 and 16-18 have been amended to depend from claim 8.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3 and 5-18 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with this Response, the authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for the fees associated therewith is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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